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In re Application of
William Eaton)
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Docket No: **2002-021**)
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

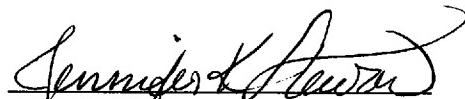
The USPTO mailed a Final Office Action (FOA) on 13 June 2006. In the FOA, the Examiner maintained all rejections and submitted that the term "port" as used in the claims is not limited to an opening, as argued by Applicant.

On 9 August 2006, Applicant's representative spoke with Examiner Santiago-Cordero to discuss claims 1 and 12. The Examiner clarified that she interprets the phrase "combined attachment and acoustic port" to include any audio path that includes an attachment member. In the Examiner's opinion, the term "port" includes both open and sealed audio paths. Applicant's representative submitted proposed claim amendments reciting "a combined attachment and acoustic port comprising an opening." Applicant's representative discussed these amendments with the Examiner to determine if these amendments would clarify the

language of the claims and overcome the rejections. When agreement with respect to the claims was not reached, Applicant opted to file a formal response to the Final Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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